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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID CONSULTATION PROCEDURES

REF: ROSINE PLANK, USEC/CCAUNAUGH, STATE/EB 7/27/76 TELCON

1. FAO PRINCIPLES OF SURPLUS DISPOSAL REQUIRE THAT FOOD AID DONORS CONSULT WITH POTENTIALLY AFFECTED COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS ON THEIR PROPOSED FOOD AID TRANSACTIONS.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PRINCIPLES US CONSULTS WITH EC COMMISSION ON US FOOD TRANSACTIONS AND COMMISSION DOES LIKE-
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WISE. US NOTIFIES COMMISSION OF PROPOSED US FOOD AID

PROGRAMS THROUGH EC WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, WHO IN TURN ADVISES BRUSSELS, AND COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS OR EC MEMBER STATE PERMANENT DELEGATION ADVISES USEC OF PROPOSED EC OR EC MEMBER STATE FOOD AID PROGRAMS RESPECTIVELY. USEC THEN ADVISES WASHINGTON. THIS PROCEDURE HAS WORKED SMOOTHLY WITH EXCEPTION OF EC MEMBER STATE TRANSACTIONS.

3. REFTELCON DISCUSSED PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS USEC IS HAVING IN HANDLING CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSED EC MEMBER STATE FOOD AID PROGRAMS WHEN USG HAS COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON TRANSACTION AND MEMBER STATE PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE EC LACKS SUFFICIENT DETAILS ON TRANSACTION TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY.

4. WE BELIEVE CHOICE OF CONSULTATION PROCEDURE ON EC OR EC MEMBER STATE FOOD AID TRANSACTIONS IS EC PREROGATIVE. THEREFORE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CHANGE IN CONSULTATION PROCEDURES IF EC CONCURS.

5. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING AMENDED PROCEDURE. CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR US AND EC COMMISSION FOOD AID PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE AS IS. ON EC MEMBER STATE TRANSACTIONS BRUSSELS WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE USEC, WHICH IN TURN WILL ADVISE WASHINGTON, WITH INFO TO OUR EMBASSY IN EC MEMBER STATE. IF WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TRANSACTION WE RESPOND TO USEC, WITH INFO TO OUR EMBASSY IN EC MEMBER STATE. IF WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TRANSACTION WE WILL RESPOND THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN EC MEMBER STATE WITH INFO TO USEC. OUR EMBASSY THEREAFTER WOULD HANDLE CONSULTATION UNTIL COMPLETED, ALWAYS MAKING USEC INFO ON ANY CABLE TRAFFIC. WHEN CONSULTATION COMPLETE USEC WOULD ADVISE EC MEMBER STATE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF END RESULT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ALL EC CAPITALS - IF YOU PERCEIVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS APPROACH PLEASE ADVISE PROMPTLY WITH INFO TO USEC.

ACTION REQUESTED: USEC - YOU MAY APPROACH COMMISSION IF YOU HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH AMENDED PROCEDURE AND NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR EMBASSIES. IF COMMISSION AGREES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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